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Education and the Environment Initiative



SAVE THE DATES

An Opportunity to Learn and Participate

What's Up?

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) invite you to learn more about the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) and become part of the statewide effort to implement this ground-breaking environmental education initiative.

Cal/EPA and CIWMB have been working on the implementation of the EEI for the past two years and have completed the first three phases of the program. The EEI is now moving into its next two phases, developing California's first-ever Model Curriculum for the environment, disseminating information, and providing statewide professional development. (For more details please see <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Education/EEI/>).

Why We Need Your Involvement

The participation and involvement of California's environmental education providers in implementing the EEI has always been an important part of the process. During the past two years, the EEI implementation team has conducted numerous outreach and field review sessions across the State. As we proceed into the next phase, we want to invite you and your organization to get further involved.

As a first step, Cal/EPA and the CIWMB invite you to attend one of six regional professional development workshops across the state followed by two rounds of technical assistance workshops in those same regions.

Who Should Attend

This process is intended to inform California's non-governmental, non-profit environmental organizations about the EEI and to provide professional development and technical support to help adapt materials and programs to reflect California's Environmental Principles and Concepts and the Model Curriculum that is being developed. Others are welcome to attend to learn more about the EEI.

Important Dates, Times, and Details

Professional development workshops are scheduled for:	
Location	Date
San Diego	Monday, May 1, 2006
Los Angeles	Wednesday, May 3, 2006
Santa Barbara	Friday, May 5, 2006
Humboldt County	Monday, May 8, 2006
San Francisco	Wednesday, May 10, 2006
Modesto	Monday, May 15, 2006

Lunch will be provided at each session.

The specific locations will be announced by April 15, 2006. All workshops will run from: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Participation in these workshops is open to everyone, but participants must confirm attendance a minimum of five days before each session to assure sufficient seating and materials.

Participants in these workshops will be invited to participate in the two rounds of technical assistance workshops that are scheduled for July and August. The number of participants in the Technical Assistance Workshops will be limited. (See dates and locations below.)

The professional development workshops and the two rounds of technical assistance workshops are sequential. Participation in one of the professional development workshops is required prior to being invited to attend the two regional sessions of the technical assistance workshops.

The first series of technical assistance workshops is scheduled as follows:	
<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
San Diego	Monday/Tuesday, July 10-11, 2006
Los Angeles	Thursday/Friday, July 13-14, 2006
Santa Barbara	Monday/Tuesday, July 17-18, 2006
San Francisco	Thursday/Friday, July 20-21, 2006
Humboldt County	Monday/Tuesday, July 24-25, 2006
Modesto	Thursday/Friday, July 27-28, 2006

The second series of technical assistance workshops is scheduled as follows:	
<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
San Diego	Monday/Tuesday, August 7-8, 2006
Los Angeles	Thursday/Friday, August 10-11, 2006
Santa Barbara	Monday/Tuesday, August 14-15, 2006
San Francisco	Thursday/Friday, August 17-18, 2006
Humboldt County	Monday/Tuesday, August 21-22, 2006
Modesto	Thursday/Friday, August 24-25, 2006

How Do I Register To Attend?

To register for one of these workshops, please send the following information to Rebekah Lopez, rlopez@ciwmb.ca.gov or call 916-341-6769.

Name:

Organization:

Address:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

Date and location of the workshop that you plan to attend:

For Further Information

General information about the Education and the Environment Initiative as available at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Education/EEI/>

To keep informed about the EEI please sign-up for the EEI listserv at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Listservs/>.

Questions

If you have specific questions about these workshops, please contact Dr. Gerald Lieberman, gerald@seer.org.

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